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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,815,640, dated September 29, 1998, issued to Wang et
- 2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 7-227398, dated August 29, 1995; and
- 3. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 8-254472, dated October 1, 1996.

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Applicant is submitting copies of references 2 and 3. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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